

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude “Fugue in Eb Major” ~ J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Bell

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Winds blow, rains fall, storms rage,

***People:* God is our strength and sanctuary.**

Leader: Floods rise, waves batter, wars ravage,

***People:* God is our strength and sanctuary.**

Leader: Violence threatens, hunger abounds, diseases flourish,

***People:* God is our strength and sanctuary.**

***All:* We are safe here in this Spirit place,
for God’s sustaining and nourishing Spirit
surrounds and affirms us.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #102 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH# 895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 641 Isaiah 12:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn FWS #2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Children’s Message *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026 “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 6 Matthew 6:25-33

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sermon “Worshiping While We *Walk* in the Wesleyan Way”
Wesley’s People in North America *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “Father, We Thank Thee” ~ *Dietrich Buxtehude*

§ Doxology #94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth - *on screens*
“We Gather Together” ~ *arr. John Ness Beck*

§ Benediction

May God’s great Spirit empower us to teach like Christ, to heal like Christ, to love like Christ, to forgive like Christ, and to serve like Christ. May the Lord Jesus Christ go before us, equipping, empowering, and supporting us as we live out our faith each and every day. ***Amen.***

Congregational Postlude “Thank You, Lord”

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

If you are interested in having your own bazaar table for the United Methodist Women’s Bazaar on Sunday, December 6th, please RSVP to (815) 877-2141 no later than Dec. 3rd.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 55 children, many of whom live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. Family members of the children will be contacted to determine needs. Each child will receive 2 gifts, one a toy and one a clothing item. You can: 1) Volunteer to distribute angels following any worship service. 2) Buy gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each Retail). **Do not buy any gifts until you receive your angel.** 3) Make a cash donation or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel Tree Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at 1321 Camp Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shop for gifts. 5) Organize and deliver gifts between December 20th and December 24th. 6) Pray for the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel, please look for Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree representative following the service in the Narthex starting Nov. 15th. The angels will be on a small green Christmas tree. For questions, contact Barb or Gene at 815-965-6518.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Book Club is TODAY at my house, 4850 Black Oak Trail.
We are discussing “I am Malala” and all are welcome. *Diane Risley*

NO Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Nov. 25th!
Happy Thanksgiving!

Let your neighbors, friends, and strangers know that **Thanksgiving Dinner is being served here from 11 am until 1 pm on November 26th** for anyone who wants company or can’t afford to fix a dinner for themselves or their family.

Another earning opportunity for Court Street ~ Do you have a Mobil gas card from Schnuck’s that allows you to get a reduced price per gallon of gasoline? If so, on the back side of the card is an 800 number and a card number that when called, will prompt you to give the card number and identify Court Street as an organization to receive a percentage of the amount you spend on groceries at Schnuck’s. Just present your gas card at checkout. No gas card? Present your photo ID at the customer service desk, request a gas card, and you will be given one. By calling the 800 number, Court Street will benefit from your grocery shopping at Schnuck’s. Any questions? Contact Karen Brown 815 877-0045. **THANK YOU** for supporting another income opportunity.

Advent is just around the corner, and that means Hanging of the Greens Day is nearly here. If you are a teen or older, please join us in getting our church ready for this festive season. We’ll begin in the Sanctuary at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 28. All are welcome to join in the fun of making our church ready for Christmas!

Evergreen plea!! We are running out of places to cut evergreens for our swags, centerpieces which we make for the Christmas Bazaar. We are willing to do the cutting if we can get permission to cut. If you decide to do it yourself, wait until after Thanksgiving so they stay fresh.. just drop them in Schmitt’s driveway before December 3rd. Please contact Perky regarding new location(s) for cutting: 815-654-2956.

From Sunday, November 29th, through Thursday, December 24th, poinsettias will be our altar flowers. Worship committee will purchase them. If you would like to donate towards them & memorialize someone, please donate \$24 & sign up on the altar flower list outside the church office. We only need 2 memorials each Sunday at the most. The plants would not be picked up until Dec. 24th.

Plan now to participate in a 3-week (short!) study during Advent when we’ll learn about the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Christmas! Meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, for only 1 hour, this will give you a much-needed break from the hurry and scurry of preparations. Books will only be \$8 each - coming soon!

United Methodist Women’s Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 2nd, at 12:30 pm in the Dining Room. Mark your calendar!

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Donna Dow **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Sandra Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Dan Boon
Fellowship Hosts: *Can you help?*

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday Christ the King Sunday

11/22 9:00 am Lamplighters in Room 209
 9:00 Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery
 9:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time
 Blood Pressure Ck in the Narthex
 11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
 1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
 1:00 Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab
 2:00 Dowel Rod Ministry in the Youth Center
 3:00 Youth Group in the Youth Lounge
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4850 Black Oak Trail

Mon 11/23 - Thanksgiving Dinner Prep in the Kitchen

9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 11/24 - Thanksgiving Dinner Prep in the Kitchen

9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 Quilters in Room 206
 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201
 9:00 "Ugly Bag" Ladies in Room 205
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 11:00 Adult Computers, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor
 5:30 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209

Wed 11/25 - Thanksgiving Dinner Prep in the Kitchen

9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Thu 11/26 11:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner begins

Fri 11/27 CHURCH CLOSED

Sat 11/28 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens in the Church

Sunday First Sunday of Advent/Student Sunday

11/29 9:00 am Lamplighters in Room 209
 9:00 Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery
 10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time
 11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
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Communion Special offering - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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WELCOME! November 22, 2015
We're glad you're worshipping with us this morning! Please fill out this card if you are a visitor to our church or if you have changed your address or phone number. Place completed card in the offering plate as it is passed.

- I'm a visitor.*
 Please note my address change.

Name (s): Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

How did you hear about Court Street? _____

Children:
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
 E-mail _____

If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.
 Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Worshipping

While

We

Walk...

...in the Wesleyan Way



Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
 Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

Christ the King Sunday
 November 22, 2015